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Given the Vector class implementation from the Princeton Algorithms Library, we can now clearly describe the behavior of the method calls x.add(y) and y.add(x) when x corresponds to the vector (1,2,3) and y corresponds to the vector (5,6).

## Behavior of x.plus(y) and y.plus(x)

The Vector class has a plus method which is used to add two vectors. Here's the method's implementation:

```
// return this + that
public Vector plus(Vector that) {
   if (this.length() != that.length())
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("dimensions disagree");
   Vector c = new Vector(n);
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        c.data[i] = this.data[i] + that.data[i];
   return c;
}</pre>
```

This method checks if the lengths of the two vectors are the same and throws an IllegalArgumentException if they are not. If the lengths are the same, it creates a new Vector instance where each element is the sum of the corresponding elements from this vector and that vector.

Given:

- x = (1, 2, 3)
- y = (5,6)

When we call x.plus(y):

- 1. The plus method checks if the lengths of x and y are the same.
- 2. x.length() is 3 and y.length() is 2.
- 3. Since the lengths are not the same, an IllegalArgumentException will be thrown with the message "dimensions disagree".

When we call y.plus(x):

- 1. The plus method checks if the lengths of y and x are the same.
- 2. y.length() is 2 and x.length() is 3.
- 3. Since the lengths are not the same, an IllegalArgumentException will be thrown with the message "dimensions disagree".

## Conclusion

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For both method calls x.plus(y) and y.plus(x) with the given vectors x=(1,2,3) and y=(5,6):
```

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• The calls will result in an IllegalArgumentException because the vectors have different lengths.

Here is a summary of what happens for each call:

- x.plus(y): Throws IllegalArgumentException due to length mismatch (3 vs 2).
- **y.plus(x)**: Throws IllegalArgumentException due to length mismatch (2 vs 3).

This behavior ensures that vector addition only occurs between vectors of the same dimension, which is a fundamental requirement for vector operations in linear algebra.